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Grand President's Message

Well, my Brothers, now that I have completed the first months of my journey as your Grand President, I am truly blessed to have inherited the blessing of such great Brothers and an organization that I am proud to serve. What a great year I am having as your Grand President as the Councils I have visited have all welcomed me and my traveling Brothers with open hearts.

My Official Visit presentation has been on "What can you do for your Council, not what the Council can do for you"- and how do we accomplish that goal!! My first visit began with San Jose Council #2, to speak at their Seminarian Award Luncheon. Many

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

members with their families attended We spoke about how they need

members with their families attended and I thank both, Br. Frank Hepburn #2, PGP and Br. Chuck Gullo, Jr. #2, Council President for an excellent program.

Next we traveled to Sebastopol Council #54 and attended a great BBQ which included members of #54, Santa Rosa #40, and also Brothers who traveled from South San Francisco Council #32, American Council #8, St. Christopher Council #80, Holy Rosary Council #44 with several Past Grand Presidents and current Grand Council officers all present...what a group! A special thank you to Br. Domenic Carinalli #54, GD and his wife Lynda for being the hosts of this great event!

Next I traveled to San Leandro to attend the Red Shirt Breakfast sponsored by the Brothers of American Council #8. The food was great but there were only a few Brothers in attendance. Then it was off to Holy Rosary Council #44 with Brothers from both Dos Palos Council #99 and St. Christopher Council #80 in attendance. Again, I spoke on the subject of membership, the importance of recruiting younger members, the Pro Patria Raffle Tickets and the Essay Contest. Thank you Br. Kelly Cox #44, PGO and Br. Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP for your support.

On August 17, I attended St. Christopher Council #80's annual family picnic with an excellent gathering of members and their respective families. Speaking of picnics, my wife and I then traveled to San Bruno to celebrate Council #613's annual picnic with great food, attendance and music.

My next visit brought me to Gustine Council #93, accompanied by District Deputy Grand President Kelly Cox. We spoke about how they needed to recruit more new members and provide an updated knowledge of the YMI in their community. Staying in the Valley, I was joined by Brother George Terry #32, GFVP and Brother Joe Reza #100, JPGP at St. Columba Council #94 in Chowchilla. Again the topics revolved around Raffle Tickets, membership and YMI youth groups.



My wife and I were honored to be a part of the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco through the sponsorship of St. John Bosco Council #613. It was a beautiful day for a ride in a 1938 Chevrolet rumble seat (see pictures on the website). Thank you Br. Michael Amato #613, GS and your fellow Council Brothers for arranging this great day. My next visit was to Sadoc Council #59 in Pittsburg along with Diablo Valley Council #111. PGP Frank DiMaggio held a great meeting and I conducted the Initiation Ceremony along with Brother Sal Enea #59, PGP of a new member for their Council. Thank you Br Mike Sanzeri for arranging the visit in a timely manner.

My wife and I visited Bakersfield Council #100 for their annual Veteran's Dan Dinner Dance Fundraiser. It was very well

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organized and they had an excellent dinner. Council #100 brought in four new members that night with the introduction of the Grand President.

My Grand President's Reception, sponsored by St. Christopher Council #80, was awesome. Many Brothers and families from many Councils attended. Br. Eddie Mello #80 and crew prepared an excellent dinner with the help of Br. Larry Silva #80, PGP and his Committee. Also, thank you ladies of the YLI who assisted. It was truly a great experience of fellowship, generosity and kindness. Thank you Br. Joe Reza #100, JPGP for the beautiful plaque from your Council. It hangs with honor in my office.

Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP are to be my traveling companions to the Indiana Official Visit (see page 4 of the Journal for a separate report on this trip). Upon my return from Hilo, Hawaii in early February I am looking forward to continuing my next few months completing my visits to other Councils so I need my District Deputy Grand Presidents to make the calls to arrange the event.

And may the blessing of God be with you all. Pro Deo, Pro Patria Brother Luther Evans Grand President

Board of Grand Directors – Working for YOU!!

Since the 2014-2015 Board of Grand Directors were installed last June in South Lake Tahoe, much has taken place. Initially Br. Bob Bartoli was elected as Chairman of the Board and called for meetings to be held every other month during the YMI year. Directors were assigned to Board Committees as well as Grand Council Committees. Duties and expectations were reviewed for each Director. As of the New Year the Board has:

- Approved the Laws and Revisions Committee report from the 129th Grand Council session
- Reviewed all expenditures of Grand Council on a monthly basis
- Met with both financial advisors on the status of YMI Grand Council investments
- Finished audits on those outstanding Councils
- Approved and allocated funds to keep the website updated with, the help of new service provider
- Received an actuarial report on the current Death Benefit Program
- Initiated discussion on the future of the Death Benefit Program
- Initiated discussion on the payment of stipends to Grand Officers to attend the Grand Council Session
- Assisting with the Grand First Vice President on the Essay Contest and Raffle
- Assisting with the Grand Second Vice President on the Red and White Mass
- Attended numerous Official Visits of the Grand President to the various Councils
- Begin to look at the status of the YMI Archives in Ripon, clean house, and possibly find another location

Yours for God and Country, Alan Patrick #32, GD





The YMI Red and White Mass

Celebrating 132 years of Brotherhood



March 14, 2015 @ 4:30 p.m.

Banner procession of YMI Councils & YMI Ceremony honoring Past / Present YMI brothers.

Mass @ 5:00 p.m.

Reception dinner following Mass at St. Veronicc Parish Center & YMI Pro Patria Raffle Drawing.



St. Veronica Catholic Church

434 Alida Way, South San Francisco, CA 650.588.1455 | www.stveronicassf.com

RSVP by March 1 2015

For more information please contact:

Br. Mike Dimech 650.922.2667 or via e-mail at **mdimech7@amail.com**.

YMI Red and White Mass - March 14, 2015

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A HOOSIER RETURNS HOME



By Luther Evans, Grand President

Greetings Brothers, and I truly hope that all the Brothers of the Young Men's Institute and their families were blessed with the joy of the holidays. However, now it is back to business.

On Saturday morning, the 29th of November 2014, I met with Br. Tom Fourie #32, PGP and Business Manager along with Br. Bob Bartoli #32, PGP and Chairman of the Board of Grand Directors at the San Francisco International Airport for our trip to Indianapolis, IN to visit our YMI Councils in Huntingburg and Richmond, Indiana. I would especially like to thank Br. Bob's wife, Nancy, for getting me to the airport on time.

After a safe trip and then a pleasant two hour plus drive to Jasper, Indiana we checked into our hotel for a few relaxing moments before going to dinner at Br. Tom's favorite place - the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. On Sunday morning we were off to Huntingburg. IN (a short fifteen minute drive south) to visit our Brothers of St. Augustine Council #497. It was a great pleasure to be accepted with such open arms and hearts as I greeted everyone (Brothers and their family members) as they came in for the 8:00 a.m. Mass in their Council Hall. After Mass and a wonderful breakfast prepared by the Brothers for all in attendance, I was the keynote speaker and spent time with them on the topics of their wonderful Council and the awesome job they have shown to the Brotherhood of the YMI. I then called forward their Council President to present him the Proud to be Catholic Award for bringing in the most new members in 2014. Br. Bob then spoke on the Pro Patria Raffle and the Super Bowl Pool. Br. Tom finished up by reflecting on the size of their Council (fantastic) and his many visits to Indiana. After a quick clean-up of the hall a meeting was held with the Officers of the Council. Br. Tom. getting right to the point, directed the meeting and reviewed several items including their membership lists, etc. It was a good meeting and much was accomplished. Br. Bob and I took a tour of their YMI building and inspected the fine electrical work that was done in the basement. After the tour, all ended up at the bar (in their building) for several games of Liar's Dice and lunch. Yes the visitor's from California were destroyed, and so a big hand to Huntingburg Council winners.

On Monday morning we drove and visited the Archabbey of Saint Meinrad, joining the monks in the Archabbey Church as they gathered to celebrate the Eucharist and pray the Liturgy of the Hours. It was very moving. Hospitality is a special ministry of this house as they follow the Rule of St. Benedict to "Let all guests be received as Christ". Br. Tom then took us on a quick tour which included praying in the *Gold Room Chapel, Abbey Press* and the peaceful surroundings conducive to encountering God.

Once again we were back on the road heading north towards Indianapolis and then east to Richmond, IN on the Ohio border. Luck was somewhat with us because the weather was not too bad, just some light drizzle at times, however, the temperature hovered the entire trip around 30 degrees. Welcome to Richmond, Indiana on Monday evening as we checked into the hotel, relaxed briefly and then off to have dinner with Br. Scott Vogelgesang, President of Gonzaga Council #612. He enlightened us and brought us up to date of the future of the Council which would be discussed at their Council meeting on Wednesday evening. Br. Scott was kind enough to accept the position of District Deputy Grand President for northern Indiana to go along with his responsibilities as Council President. Thank you Br. Scott for the excellent job you are doing and for being a wonderful tour guide.

Tuesday morning started with Mass at St. Andrew's Catholic Church with the students and faculty of Seton Catholic High School. After Mass I spoke about the values of a Catholic education and the opportunity that it gives students to grow into their spiritual and moral values. Br. Bob then gave his speech and introduced Br. Tom who spoke on the Pro Patria Essay Contest and the winners from Seton Catholic High School. Following Mass we were given a tour of Seton Catholic High School with Br. Scott and Br. Bob Crowe #612. Several ongoing improvements were seen and new classrooms added.

Completing the tour of the High School we were then taken across the street to the YMI Building for another last time tour before the completion of the sale of the building. Sadly I must say, I will be the last Grand President to honor his Official Visit within, but on the brighter side I will be the First Hoosier Grand President in the history of the Young Men's Institute to visit their Council (yes, I was born in Indianapolis, Indiana). We then went on a journey of history to Richmond's Veteran War Memorial and the Starr-Gennett Museum Project. After a guick lunch we returned to our hotel where I had the pleasure of



introducing my brothers and sister from Indianapolis to my traveling companions and the Brothers of Gonzaga Council. I spent time with family white Br. Tom drove Br. Bob to the farm of Br. Jim Rohe #612 to reacquaint Br. Bob with his herd of Angus cows. Br. Bob now has a new bull named in his honor, BB2. Congratulations to Br. Bob and his fans in Council #32. Tuesday evening we enjoyed a great dinner at the Old Richmond Inn with Brothers of #612.

Wednesday morning Mass (yes, we did go to church each day) was at St. Mary's Catholic Church/School with the PreSchool-3 students, "what an awesome group of students" as we were taken on an extensive tour by the Principal. We then traveled to Holy Family School (4-6) where we all became classroom teachers talking with the students and asking questions. The teachers were great. This definitely was a high point for Br. Tom as he took over several classes and taught math.

The great writing skills of the students who attend Seton Catholic Schools are the fruits of the great education offered and the excellent staff of teachers.







Now we are off again to eat (a priority on this trip) "OMG" more food. A few moments to relax, change clothes and prepare for our Official Visit. The meeting was very informative on the future of Gonzaga Council #612 and their current situation (financially and emotionally). As I spoke on changes I reminded them that the Young Men's Institute is not a building, but rather men that believe in who we are and what we do. Changes are here and we have to adapt. Remember the Brothers who stood under the Lamp Post in 1883, they had the dream, the vision; it's up to us to continue making it a reality. Br. Bob continued with his words of encouragement and the good aspect of change. Now Br. Tom had the floor and in a rather emotional address spoke on how to move forward, the rooms he knew about at the other Church sites for them to meet, the monumental work done to open Seton Catholic School, the Grand Council Session held in Richmond, and the wonderful friends we have all made. After all the sadness, we did enjoy the remaining evening with great conversations, and lots of desserts from the Ladies Auxiliary.

My Official Visit schedule continues with Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 to be scheduled this spring, Francis Council #573 in Hilo, Hawaii on February 1, 2015 and the returning on February 10, 2015 to the San Francisco District hosted by St. John Bosco Council #613 with San Francisco Council #1 and South San Francisco Council #32 in attendance.

As we move forward in this new year, I wish to encourage all Brothers to continue pushing the Pro Patria Raffle Tickets. Our success depends on all Brothers participating to make this a banner year for Br. George Terry #32, GFVP. Thanks to all YMI Councils and members for making 2014-2015 a very prosperous year.

Yours for God and Country.

Educational Foundation Memorials/Donations

Salvatore Enea Jr...... Jim and Helen Mullen, Salvatore and Eleanor Enea, Esther Pratt

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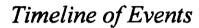
Joseph F. Oliveira...... Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Drumonde

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All YMI Brothers, family members and friends are thanked for their generous contributions to the Educational Foundation. We also acknowledge everyone's minimum donation of \$10 towards the requested Mass.

The Young Men's Institute Reno, Nevada 130th Grand Council Sessio Silver Legacy Hotel







2:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. ~ Registration in Silver Legacy Lobby
5:30 p.m. ~ Opening Mass and Remembrance Ceremony
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
2900 North McCarron Boulevard, Sparks, Nevada
(Ten minutes drive from hotel)
6:30 p.m. ~ Welcome Dinner prepared by
"Sons of Italy" ~ from Sparks, Nevada
Church Hall ~ Immaculate Conception Church





Tuesday, June 16, 2015

8:00 a.m. ~ Grand Breakfast ~ Silver Baron 1-6 Silver Legacy Hotel

9:15 ~ 9:45 a.m. ~ Registration ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ~ Session Begins ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
12 Noon ~ Delegates Lunch ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
6:00 p.m. ~ YMI Goes Basque!!!!
Louis' Basque Corner ~ 301 East 4th Street
(two blocks from the Hotel)



Wednesday, June 17, 2013

9:00 a.m. ~ Session Continues ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
4:00 p.m. ~ Celebration Mass with Installation of Grand Council Officers for 2015-2016
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Sparks, Nevada
5:30 p.m. ~ No-Host Cocktail Party ~ Silver Baron C & D & E
6:30 p.m. ~ Grand Banquet ~ Silver Baron C & D & E

Thank you for coming ~ have a safe trip home.





130th Grand Council Session of the Young Men's Institute Silver Legacy Hotel ~ Reno, NV

June 15-17, 2015 Registration Form

Member's Name:	Council #	:Tel. #	
Address:	City:	State:2	Zip:
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NEW MEMBERS

Member Sponsor	Counci
Tyler Messmer - Austin Ingram	497
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Brian Mundy - David Matthews	497
Ernest Biondi - Bill McNeany	40
Mark Schwartzenberger -Rob Laxner	59
James Allen - Luis Alvarenga	32
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Lee Canevaro - Don Bradley	5
Kevin Konicek - Matt Martin	40
Doug Messmer - Harold Meyer Jr.	497
D. Jeffrey Morrow - Michael Amato	613



In Memoriam

<u>Member</u>	<u>Da</u> te	Council
Neville Hanson	11-2014	80
Jerome Kutter	2014	612
Michaelangelo	06-2014	59
Lamendola		
James Hensley	10-2014	94
Raymond Zimmer	10-23-2014	92
David Gerecke	08-30-2014	83/900
Melvin Rapozo	10-02-2014	614/900
Anthony J. Carasco	2014	83/900
Anthony D'Abreu	01-02-2015	614/900
Joseph Mundy	12-28-2014	497
Joseph Walter	12-20-2014	2
Jack Luis	12-14-2014	88
John F. Pimentel	12-19-2014	88
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Call now to make your room reservations for the 130th Grand Council Session this June.

Pro Patria Raffle 2014-2015 Status of Membership Sales on 1/24/2015

Brothers, the numbers do not lie. Where are the sales from the missing 1915 Brothers?

Council	Members	Total	Percent
	Purchasing	Members	,
1*	12	80	15.00%
2*	16	84	19.05%
5*	6	36	16.67%
6*	2	7	28.57%
8	10	32	31.25%
9	0	45	0.00%
13*	3	16	18.75%
16*	1	13	7.69%
32*	53	260	20.38%
40	11	127	8.66%
44	17	181	9.39%
54*	8	49	16.33%
59	7	45	15.56%
60*	3	88	3.41%
76	3	41	7.32%
80*	30	120	25.00%
88*	5	58	8.62%
92	1	. 67	1.49%
93	1	31	3.23%
94*	4	46	8.70%
99*	4	21	19.04%
100	0	14	0.00%
111	0	7	0.00%
137	6	34	17.65%
497	14	252	5.56%
573	5	77	6.49%
612	6	64	9.38%
613*	31	104	29.81%
900	9	179	5.03%
Total	268	2183	12.28%

^{*}Council Purchase Thus Far

Please send in your tickets now!!!! The students are depending on each and every one of us!!!!!

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BOWLING TOURNAMENT

WHEN:	Saturday, May 16th, 2015 at 1 p.m.
	Captains report at 12:30 p.m.
WHERE:	Pacific Avenue Bowl
	5939 Pacific Ave.
	Stockton, CA (209) 477-0267
COST:	\$50.00 for five man team. Shoes and ball
	included. Family and friends are welcome to bowl.
Players:	
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3	
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Please ir	dicate the captain with their phone number.
Contact	: Br. Mike Sanzeri if you have any questions.
	Phone (925) 324-7403
Send che	ecks and roster to Mike Sanzeri at 12
Waterbe	erry Ct., Pleasant Hill ,Ca. 94523
	LET'S ROLL!!!



YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM (2014-2015)

Once again, the YMI Educational Foundation is proud to announce our Matching Funds Program for 2014-2015. The intent of this program is to enhance and support YMI Councils which have viable student scholarship programs in existence or are planning to have one during this school year.

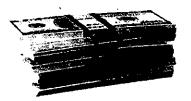
All YMI Councils are encouraged to participate in this beneficial educational program. A cherished hallmark of the YMI has been to provide for the continued education of our young people.

Each Council may request any amount up to \$500 in Matching Funds. Upon approval of the submitted request, the Educational Foundation will in turn write a check of any amount not to exceed \$1000 to the educational institution selected or the Council scholarship program as designated by the requesting Council. The requesting Council's general membership must vote for the request of Matching Funds during a regular business meeting, prior to submitting the Matching Funds Application which is printed in this issue of the Institute Journal.

To participate in this program a Council must be participating or planning to participate in a scholarship program during this school year. A description of this participation is required on the application form (see page 11 of this issue of the Journal) that must be completed, submitted and postmarked not later than April 1, 2015. Barring a special circumstance request, Matching Fund checks will all be issued and mailed on April 30, 2015.

Yours for God and Country,

Brother Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
Brother Tom Fourie #32, PGP
Educational Foundation Directors



Attention Please ~ Candidates Sought for Grand Council Office, Educational Foundation and the Seminarian Educational Foundation

At the 130th Grand Council Session this June in Reno, all Grand Council Offices will be up for election as well as the rotating director positions for both Foundations. New faces with new ideas and a willingness to promote the Order would be most welcome. If you are interested in any of the positions, please contact the YMI Business Manager at 1-800-964-9646 before April 1, 2015 so that your candidacy can be announced in a fair and timely manner. Also, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MATCHING FUNDS DROGRAM ADDLICATION (2014-2015)

1.	Name and number of requesting Council:
	Description of your Council's scholarship program. Please submit a written plan describing what the scholarship program consists of and how the money will be distributed.
3.	Amount of Matching Funds requested (maximum amount per each Council is \$500.00):
4.	Date of General Membership vote: Number of votes:YES
	NO
5.	Signature of Council President:
6.	Signature of Executive Committee Chairman:
7.	The recipient of the Matching Funds Check:
8.	Where Matching Funds check is to be mailed:
	NAME:
	ADDRESS:
9.	Submit completed application form and requesting Council check payable to:
	YMI Educational Foundation
	P. O. Box 281047 San Francisco, CA 94128-1047
	APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED AND
	POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2015. ALL

CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED ON APRIL 30, 2015.

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YMI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT TAKES VOWS

Michelle Burns, a past recipient of the Our Lady of the Pines Council #137's Father George Thomas Scholarship, has entered her formation with the Carmelite Nuns. She is now robed in the order's habit and has taken the name of Sister Teresa Margaret. She is residing in a Carmelite community near Oakland, CA.

The Father George Thomas Scholarship is made possible by the YMI Educational Foundation's Matching Funds program. Over the last five years the Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 has helped Catholic students in Amador County fulfill their educational goals by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship annually.

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